

Amendment To The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. –20. (canceled).

21. (previously presented) A method for associating metadata with a document having a metadata dynamic read-write storage device attached to the document comprising:

initializing a pointing instrument for capturing pen stroke data using the document;

processing pen stroke data in a normal data capture mode using the document;

recognizing a metadata mode;

then capturing pen stroke metadata data using the pointing instrument using the document;

sending the metadata data to a processor;

then receiving processed metadata created using the metadata from the processor; and

then storing the processed metadata in the dynamic read-write metadata storage device that is completely attached to a portion of a surface of the document, wherein the processed metadata includes text data, further comprising:

receiving a process metadata command, wherein the pointing instrument is a digital pen and wherein a user uses the digital pen and the document to generate the process metadata command; and

assigning a unique serial number to the metadata, wherein:

the metadata storage device comprises an rf-id tag and wherein a transceiver within the digital pen is utilized to program the dynamic read-write metadata storage device and wherein the digital pen is brought into proximity of the rf-id tag during the programming.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the metadata data comprises pen stroke data captured using the digital pen and the document from a predefined area of the document.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the metadata includes biometric data.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 21 further comprising storing an e-copy of the document strokes to the metadata storage device.

25. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the metadata data is pen stroke data captured from a first subset of all pen strokes made on the document.

26. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the metadata storage device comprises an integrated circuit.

27. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the document comprises a piece of paper.

28. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the document comprises a spiral bound book.

29. (new) The method of claim 21 further comprising:
cryptographically processing the metadata using authentication data.

30. (new) The method of claim 21 further comprising:
discontinuing capturing metadata data after sufficient data to create a biometric signature is obtained.

31. (new) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
cryptographically processing the metadata.